

the present amendment Claims 2, 5 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice towards prosecution in a continuation or divisional application.

The Rejection of Claims 2, 5 and 24 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

The examiner has rejected Claims 2, 5 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103ZZ(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,811,231, issued to Farr et al. (hereinafter Farr). This rejection has been obviated by appropriate amendment and, where not obviated, is respectfully traversed.

The undersigned representative indicates that the drawing submission of June 15, 2000, properly constitute the filing of formal drawings. However, to expedite the issuance of the present application, the undersigned representative submits copies of the formal drawings herewith.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.


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